

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed., Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

Mrs. Susan Parker, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities

Rectory Address: 2174 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067-1257
Rectory Phone: 610-262-2559
Rectory E-Mail: bvm1922@rcn.com

Rectory Fax: 610-262-1613
Website: www.bvm-northampton.com

Religious Education: 610-262-7343
Religious Ed. E-Mail: bvmspirit777@rcn.com

Good Shepherd Catholic School: 610-262-9171

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator: Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
Secretary for Youth Protection
Telephone: 610-871-5200 Ext. 2204
Email: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Courage: 610-334-9147

Diocesan Website: www.allentowndiocese.org

Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
6:45 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
or by request

Baptism

Every Weekend after Mass on request. Baptismal preparation classes are the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the classrooms above the church. Please call the rectory in advance to schedule class attendance and Baptism.

Sponsors

Parishioners need to meet with Msgr. Koons to determine whether they are eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to schedule a wedding. Attendance at diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes is required six months prior to the wedding date, as well as three or four sessions with the priest. Current Baptism and Confirmation certificates are needed for the Catholic parties. In the case of previously existing marriages, a death certificate or declaration of nullity is necessary before another marriage can be considered.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. Please call the rectory to request being included on the homebound Communion list.

Please call the rectory when parishioners are admitted to a local hospital.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 25/26, 2020

Daily Masses

July 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Al Schulter Family
July 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Carol Wunderler Strohe	Parents, Carl & Hilda Wunderler
July 29, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Betty Toolan
July 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and daughters of Mary & John Wanisko	John & Elizabeth Kuchera
July 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie Meiley	Richard & Brenda Kuchera
Aug. 1, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 2, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†David Liskanich	Liskanich & Graff Families
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Ronald Weiner by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Helen Sommer who died recently.

Good News!

July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

There are various kinds of wisdom: the kind you get by watching carefully to discover how something works, or by learning from a mistake; the wisdom in taking advice from someone and not making the mistake he made; the political, social, or religious wisdom learned by those who work in these vocations. There is also wisdom that is just beyond our reach, the kind that is found only in God.

This Sunday's readings discuss various kinds of wisdom. King Solomon asks for "a listening heart" (1 Kings 3:9), the knowledge needed to rule his people wisely. He is told he can ask for anything: long life, riches, security from his enemies, all blessings that would certainly benefit him. Instead he asks for something to benefit his people. It seems he is wise enough to know he needs such wisdom. The psalm response praises the law, the religious tradition that provides instruction for living a life of holiness and thus reaping the rewards of such a life.

The parable in the Gospel describes various life situations in which decisions have to be made. In the first two instances, a question is posed: What is the kingdom of heaven worth to you? What are you willing to give up in order to attain it? The third depicts fishing with a net, a very strenuous task. A question here might be: Are you willing to work hard at this? Are you discerning in separating good actions from bad? It takes real wisdom to answer such questions.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – July 27

Weekday

Jer 13:1–11

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday – July 28

Weekday

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday – July 29

St. Martha

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Jn 11:19–27

Thursday – July 20

Weekday

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53

Friday – July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 26:1–9

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday – August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday – August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Giving Sunday..... Sunday, August 9, 2020
Church Picnic..... Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

Rectory Summer Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of July 23, 102 members from our parish family have joined the **2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL** and have contributed \$26,863.20 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Because We Are Catholic Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Betty Panik:** \$50 Margaret Anthony and Carl Bauer; \$25 Francis and Mary Cerino; \$10 Steve Marsch. **In memory of Helen Sommer:** \$15 Steve Marsch; \$25 Ed and Martha Hozza; \$25 Liskanich and Graff Families. **In memory of Linda Strain:** \$25 Anita Kotoris.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the tabernacle this week are in memory of Anne Ciecko. They were donated by her family.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes

Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory



Save Aluminum Pulltabs – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News:

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8, Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. For more information, or to schedule a tour please contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com.

Redner's Save-A-Tape Program: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$1,444.30. Just think, that's over \$1,400.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the collection basket. **We need the WHOLE receipt**, not just the bottom portion of the receipt. Thank You!

A Prayer for Families:

Lord Jesus,

We humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our families.

May our homes be shrines of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

We beg You, Lord Jesus, to protect and bless the families of our parish, absent and present, living and deceased.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our families, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our homes at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our families unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Reichel Funeral Home

Northampton, PA 18067 Phone: 610-261-0440

Kevin S. Reichel, Owner/Director
www.reichelfuneralhome.com

Please patronize our bulletin advertisers